*Moon Over Manifest*—Barbara Tatka

Time Frame: 2/3 class periods

Standard Focus:

WA 7.5—Write persuasive essays that establish a clear position and include relevant information to support ideas.

WP 7.4—Determine a purpose and an audience

Background:

1. Read, discuss, and comprehend the novel *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool, placing emphasis on the “Spanish flu” references within the novel.
2. Appropriate excerpts from “Flu Pandemic, 1918,” a video tape from Kim Kenney, McKinley Museum, emphasizing the start of the epidemic and preventions needed to stop the spreading of the flu in 1918.
3. Mastery of persuasive strategies, i.e. bandwagon, testimonial, glittering generalities, and emotional word repetition.

Writing Prompt—Collins Type 4

Using your knowledge from the novel *Moon Over Manifest* and from the excerpts from Kim Kenney’s “Flu Pandemic, 1918,” write a friendly letter to your relatives in Manifest, Kansas, In 1918, to convince them to use your ideas to avoid getting the flu. You must support your three ideas with evidence from the novel or the video.

Focus Correction Areas:

1. 5 paragraphs—minimum
2. Use at least two persuasive strategies
3. Correct friendly letter form